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BERN SWITZ, MAY 25-26, 1978

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1. SUMMARY: OECD ROAD RESEARCH STEERING COMMITTEE
MET MAY 25-26. SILVERLEAF, CHAIRMAN (UK), RAY W
BRONEZ, VICE CHAIRMAN (US) AND OTHERS EXCEPT HERMANN
(GERMANY) WERE REELECTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR
TERM. COMMITTEE AGREED TO PERMIT GERMANY APPOINT NEW
MEMBER TO REPLACE HERRMANN WHO IS RETIRING. DRAFT
AGENDA FOR 21ST SESSION AND MINUTES OF 20TH SESSION
WERE APPROVED WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES. MEMBERS SPENT
CONSIDERABLE TIME DEBATING: 1) TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF RESEARCH GROUPS, 2) CHAIRMAN'S DISCUSSION NOTE
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"ENQUIRY INTO FUTURE ACTIVITIES, FIRST REPORT,
MAY 1978", AND 3) SUMMARY REPORT BY SECRETARIAT OF
1977 SYMPOSIUM ON HEAVY FREIGHT VEHICLES & THEIR
EFFECTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN DISCUSSING PROGRESS ON WORK OF RESEARCH GROUPS,
HORN (SECRETARIAT) REPORTED ALL GROUPS ARE SLIGHTLY

BEHIND SCHEDULE BUT SAID DELAY IS EXPECTED TO CAUSE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM. CHAIRMAN EXPECTS TO HAVE ALL REPORTS BEFORE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING IN NOV.

3. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION COMMITTEE ADOPTED, WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES, TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR FOLLOWING RESEARCH GROUPS FOR WHICH PILOT COUNTRY AND/OR COUNTRIES ARE INDICATED IN BRACKETS: CM3, BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (FRANCE & UK); TS4, METHODS FOR EVALUATING TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES & THEIR APPLICATION (CANADA); TS5, TRAIL CONTROL IN SATURATED CONDITIONS NETHERLANDS & UK); UT3, URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT - EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE (US; AND UT4, MODEL SPLIT - METHODS TO DESCRIBE AND INFLUENCE MODEL SPLIT (DENMARK). NETHERLANDS JOINED BY US EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT TOR AS DRAFTED FRO CM4, USE OF LOW-GRADE AGGRAGATES (FRANCE) AND RECOMMENDED SEVERAL CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS. FRENCH REVISED TOR AS RECOMMENDED AND COMMITTEE ADOPTED REVISED VERSION. VERY LITTLE INTEREST WAS SHOWN FOR UT5, DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT & OPERATION OF URBAN PARKING SYSTEMS (SPAIN) AND THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REFER THIS TOR BACK TO THE BUREAU FOR RECONSIDERATION.

4.SUMMARY REPORT BY SECRETARIAT OF 1977 SYMPOSIUM
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ON HEAVY FREIGHT VEHICLES & THEIR EFFECTS APRKED CONSIDERABLE DEBATE. IT WAS DISTRIBUTED FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAM (CHAIED DISCUSSIONS). FRENCH MEMBER ACCUSED SECRETAIAT OF MISQUOTING HIM, PLACING EMPHASIS ON MINOR POINTS AND LEAVING OUT IMPORTANT ISSUES. UK AND OTHER DIFFERED WITH FRENCH MEMBER; SAID DRAFT IS AN ACCURATE SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS STRESSED DURING SYMPOSIUM. AFTER CONSIDERABLE GIVE AND TAKE, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO SUBMIT DRAFT TO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE; INSTRUCTED IT EXAMINE DRAFT, CONSULT WITH THOSE WHO CHAIRED DISUCUSSIONS AND SUBMIT REVISED DRAFT IF NECESSARY TO STEERING COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

5. COMMITTEE AGREED TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM IN 1979 ON "SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS". AUSTRIA OFFERED TO HOST SYMPOSIUM AND SECRETARIAT AGREED TO WORK OUT SUITABLE DATE WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS AND NOTIFY MEMBERS OF DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. MEMBERS OF FOLLOWING COUNTRIES VOLUNTEERED TO

SERVE ON ROAD RESEARCH PROGRAM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE DURING NEXT YEAR: NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRANCE, UK, AUSTRIA, ICELAND AND WITH CONCURRENCE OF THEIR GOVTS, GERMANY AND DENMARK.

7. IN DISCUSSIGN ROAD RESEARCH PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1979, MME TURGEL (SECRETARIAT) REPORTED THAT IT WILL REMAIN FAIRLY STABLE AND APPROX 18,000 FRANCES LESS THAN 1977 BUDGET.

8. SEVERAL MEMBERS INCLUDING US EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF OTHER INTL ORGANIZATIONS. CHAIRMAN ASSURED COMMITTEE THAT SECRETARIAT IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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STRENGTHEN LINKS WITH OTHER GROUPS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS. HE REPORTED THAT SECRETARIAT HAS ESTABLISHED A CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ECNIT, WHO, ECE AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF OECE INCLUDING ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE.

9. IN DISCUSSING PLANS FOR FITH ROAD RESEARCH PROGRAM MOST MEMBERS EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM. PRESENT PROGRAM COVERS THREE-YEAR PERIOD. CHAIRMAN REPORTED HE HAD ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR NEXT PROGRAM CYCLE AND CALLED ATTENTION TO DISCUSSION NOTE -QNQUIRY INTO FUTURE ACTIVITIES" AND ANNEX WITH SAME TITLE WHICH SUMMARIZES MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH FRANCE, GERMANY, US AND UK. HE REPORTED THAT NOTE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY BUREAU DURING SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 24. HE SAID MAIN ISSUE OF NOTE IS WHETHER MEMBERSHIP OF STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE WHO ARE ACTIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OR CONCERNED WITH RESEARCH. MEMBERS WERE SHARPLY DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE. SOME ARGUED MEMBERSHIP OF STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO DIRECTORS OF RESEARCH.

10. COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR NOV 15-17, 1978. WARNER

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